

HEAR SHIP LEFT, TAKING HUERTA'S MUNITIONS ALONG

Administration Officials, However, Are Unable to Confirm the Report.

AWAIT FURTHER ADVICES

Consul at Havana Cables that Ammunition Was Not Landed.

SAYS STEAMSHIP MEN SAID SO

Eleven Transports Now Chartered for Quick Movement of Troops Into Mexico.

BULLETIN.

It was acknowledged by government officials at an early hour this (Sunday) morning that they had no positive information as to whether or not the munitions of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, other than the statement cable by United States Consul Rogers at Havana.

The United States officials were plainly perturbed at the conflicting reports, and a dispatch was sent to Admiral Badger, asking him to report positively as to whether or not the munitions of war were still on the German vessel, or whether they had been landed at Puerto Mexico.

The renewed acuteness of the Mexican situation was somewhat relieved yesterday by information received by this government that Huerta would not receive the arms and ammunition consigned to him on the German liners Kronprinzessin Cecilie and Bavaria.

The assurances to this government were not as convincing as might be wished, but pending the receipt of more definite information, there was a disposition by Washington officials to accept them at their full value. The Kronprinzessin Cecilie arrived at Vera Cruz yesterday morning from Puerto Mexico, and it was unofficially reported from the former port which led to some doubt as to whether the vessel still had the guns and ammunition on board.

Consul Sends Report.

The information to this government in regard to the disposition of the arms and ammunition came from United States Consul Rogers at Havana. He cabled that the agent there of the steamship line had informed him that the arms and ammunition on board the Cecilie would be returned to the ship-owners and that those on board the Bavaria probably also would be disposed of in the same way after that vessel reached Puerto Mexico.

No further details were given by Consul Rogers, and so far as was learned last night, the government had no other assurances of this favorable termination of an acute situation. At a late hour, the Navy Department was making efforts to obtain from Admiral Badger a detailed report which would set at rest all doubt as to whether the munitions of war were still on board the German merchant ship.

No Appeal to Germany.

So far as statements by this government disclose the fact, any action taken to prevent the landing of these arms and ammunition has been voluntary on the part of the steamship company. Secretary of State Bryan denied yesterday that this government had communicated with the German government in regard to the matter.

There were two theories here as to the action of the steamship people in holding up the delivery of these munitions of war. One was that this government had informally made known to the company its concern over the situation and the possible failure of the mediation plans. The other theory and the one that is more generally accepted here, is that the steamship company itself saw an opportunity to turn a business trick to its own advantage. It was pointed out that the delivery of these arms and ammunition to Huerta, although perfectly proper under the conditions now prevailing, might have aroused considerable feeling in the United States. On the other hand, the refusal to land the

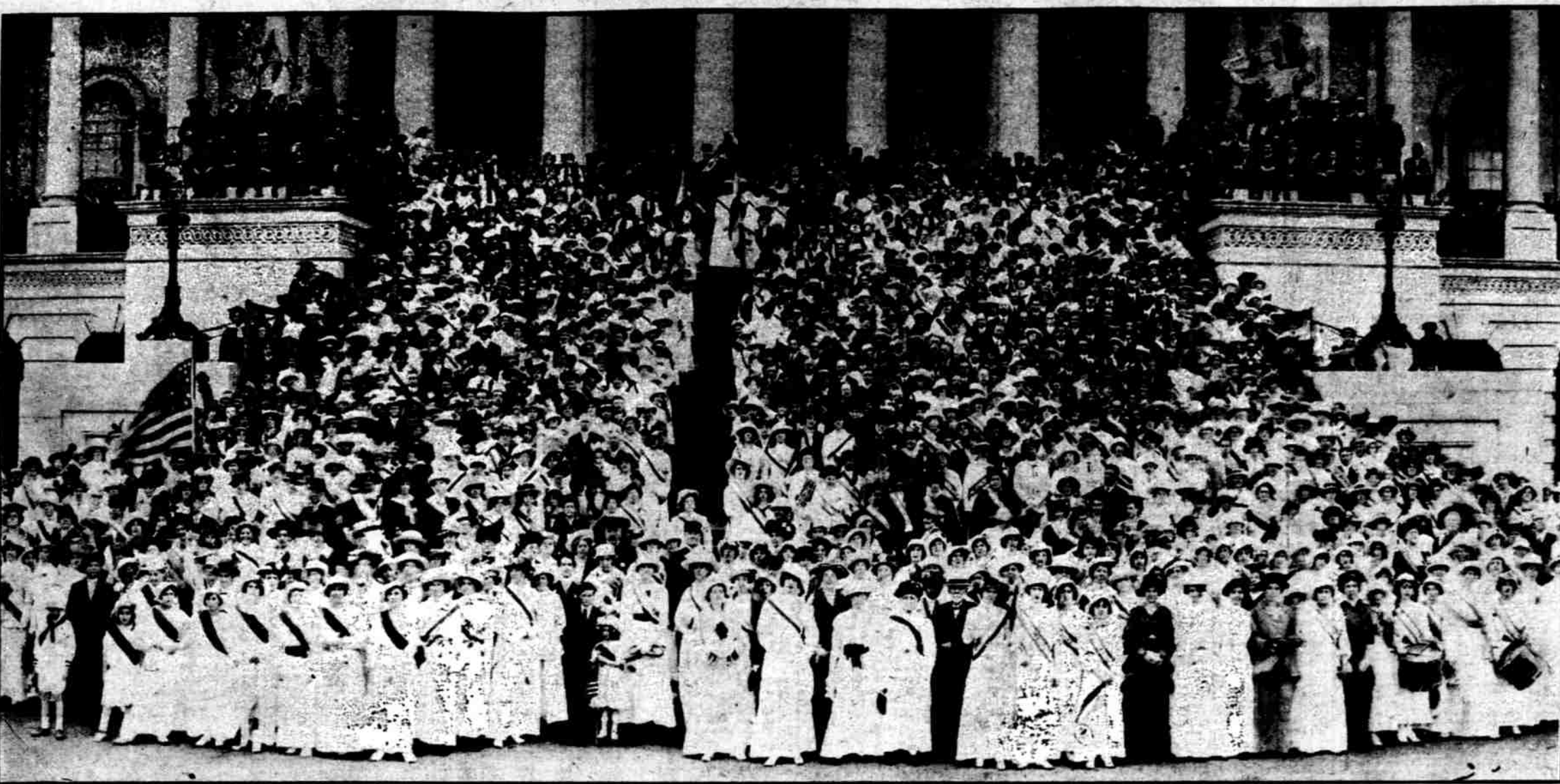
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TWO GERMAN FLIERS KILLED.

Stettin, Germany, May 8.—Lieuts. Fabre and Kurtz, of the Imperial Army Aviation Corps, were killed instantly in an aeroplane at the Krokow maneuver grounds today. The machine in which they were making a trial flight collapsed at a height of 700 feet and both were crushed to death.

For New York and Gettysburg, May 20th. Tell Baltimore & Ohio. Ask agents for particulars.—Adv.

Suffragist marchers massed on the steps at the East front of the Capitol, where a chorus of over 1,000 sang "The Song of the Women," the suffrage anthem.



—Photo by Frederick A. Schatz.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MEN HELD BY HUERTA

Medill McCormick, Richard Harding Davis, and Two Others in Toils in Mexico City.

ENGLISH REPORTERS RELEASED

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Vera Cruz, May 9.—Richard Harding Davis, correspondent of the New York Tribune, and Medill McCormick, of the Chicago Tribune, are under arrest in Mexico City, according to information reaching this office. The British minister, Lord Curzon, is in the city.

Of the four newspaper correspondents who were arrested on their arrival in Mexico City, Thursday evening, Oliver M. Hueter, of the London Express, and Alfred J. Rourke, of the Central News Service, London, have been released with an apology upon the demand of Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister.

Two Americans, Walter C. Whiffen, of the Associated Press, and a photographer named Sutton, who comes from Washington, are held pending an investigation by the police.

It is now believed that Orderly Parks, who disappeared with Col. Taggart's two thoroughbreds in wandering insanity among the federal outposts. The Mexican soldiers have enough Indian blood to make them respect a person of unsound mind; so it is possible that the orderly's insanity may save his life.

The report of his murder is discredited by the report that Candelaria Canovas, a native boy, saw Parks at Tejeria, later than other natives reported having seen the dead body of an American in khaki near the railroad track. At that time Parks lay asleep with two horses tethered near by in the midst of the federal soldiers who passed him by without molestation.

The situation hourly grows more critical as the American forces, confronted by a steadily increasing body of Huertistas under Gen. Maas, await the news that the balance of the second division is on the way. There is no doubt here that the troops will be sent from Galveston sooner or later and that administration is merely playing the time in which to get refugees out of the country before making an actual act of war against Huerta.

Gen. Navarrete, the Huertista commander at Jalapa, has mounted many heavy guns at Cerro Cordo to resist an American advance against Mexico City.

President Huerta has mined the streets of his capital. If he is overthrown he plans to wreck the city, making the world gasp at the catastrophe that marks his downfall.

This is the amazing story brought here by Oscar Brain, a prominent mining man of Oaxaca.

Because Tom Shaw, construction superintendent of the Light and Power Company, Vera Cruz, had a kodak camera, he and all the Americans with him, including a man named Griffith, his wife and five children, and a traveling engineer named Stillwell, and his wife, were taken from the train at Cordoba and are now detained there. Another of those arrested was a man named Warmicke, who was searching for his wife. He was arrested as soon as he got on the train at Orizaba.

The arrest of four American newspaper men in Mexico City startled the State Department yesterday, and it was stated last night that representations have been made to Huerta demanding their immediate release.

ERROR LIKELY TO HALT BECKER'S SECOND TRIAL

New York Newspaper Breaks Release on Whitman's Opening Address to Jury.

CHANGE OF VENUE TO BE ASKED

New York, May 9.—Charles Becker, on trial the second time for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will demand a change of venue again on Monday on the ground that it will be impossible for him to get a fair and impartial trial in New York County.

If this first motion is denied another plea will be made to discharge the ten jurors already obtained and discontinue the trial. The basis for the two motions will be the premature publication by a New York newspaper today of the outlining of the State's case as contained in District Attorney Whitman's opening address, not yet delivered.

Three of the twelve jurors selected were excused when court opened this morning. After the last of the special panel of talesmen had been exhausted, making an adjournment necessary. A new panel of 100 talesmen has been summoned to appear Monday morning. Four hundred talesmen have been used in setting a jury.

The district attorney and Justice Seabury have notified Becker that he may spend Sunday in the Criminal Court Building, instead of in the Tombs. He will be permitted to receive his wife there and have his meals sent in from the outside.

Excitement was intense when it became known at adjournment time that the release had been broken on the district attorney's address. Mr. Whitman made the discovery as soon as he reached his office from the court room, and immediately hurried back to Justice Seabury's chambers to inform him. Justice Seabury sent for the press representatives and made the announcement that he had instructed the district attorney to institute contempt proceedings against the defaulting newspaper.

REFUGEES SAIL FOR HOME.

Two Hundred and Seventy-six Leave for New Orleans.

Five hundred and seventy-six American refugees, those who were brought down from Mexico City on the last refugee train to Puerto Mexico, and embarked on the Esperanza, sailed yesterday from Vera Cruz for New Orleans. Fifty-eight others were transferred to the steamer Mexico at Vera Cruz. The Morro Castle arrived yesterday at Vera Cruz with fifty-seven refugees from Tampico, and will follow the Esperanza within a few days. It was announced at the State Department.

There was no movement of refugees on the west coast reported to the Navy or State departments yesterday, nearly every American having left the sections for which Admiral Howard is responsible.

MANUEL DENIES ESTRANGEMENT

Richmond, Eng., May 9.—Through his private secretary, former King Manuel of Portugal, today denied that there is an estrangement between himself and his wife. He said there is no truth in reports that his wife's father had come to England to take his daughter back to her home in Germany.

NATION'S SUFFRAGE CRUSADERS STORM CAPITOL WITH DEMAND FOR BALLOT RIGHT FOR WOMEN

In Parade of 1,485 Marchers, Advocates of General Franchise Go to Seat of Government to Lay Petitions from All Over Country Before Lawmakers. Peace Dove Attends March.

The women of the United States formally demanded from Congress yesterday a constitutional amendment that will give them the ballot. Through a delegation of 531 members, representing 10,000,000 women in the United States, Congress was presented with 531 separate petitions, asking for the passage of the Bristow-Mondell resolution, which proposes to change the Constitution against sex discrimination.

By actual count 1,485 marchers—1,165 women and the balance musicians, mere men and policemen—participated in the procession which stretched from the White House to the Capitol. H. C. Bell, a former armyman, and now an employee of the Pension Office, counted 'em.' It was estimated that about 50,000 people lined the curbs along Pennsylvania avenue to watch the parade pass.

No Rioting This Year.

The same suffrage banners that passed up the Avenue through a near-riot on March 3, 1913, passed down again yesterday afternoon, with practically the entire police department of Washington flanking the line of march at thirty-foot intervals.

Maj. Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police, withdrew every available policeman from the various precincts of the city for duty in the parade. He was determined that the parade yesterday would not be marked by the turbulent scenes which characterized that of more than a year ago, and with but one or two exceptions, there was no disorder.

Crowd Attacks Policeman.

At Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, an outbreak occurred, however. The crowd at this point, had jotted into Pennsylvania avenue at any angle and a mounted officer attempted to ride the crowd back. Those in front were unable to push back the mass of people behind them and when the officer's horse pushed against the crowd in front, a man struck at the policeman.

The officer lost his temper at this point, and attempted to charge into the people in the front rank. This so enraged the crowd that nearly a dozen men set upon the officer and tried to pull him from his horse. He had the good judgment to abandon the attempt, but had been pulled from his mount, rough-handling would have followed.

The playing of the French national anthem by the suffrage bands at the Capitol aroused so much comment from the crowds about the Capitol plaza that the Congressional Union issued a statement after the parade explaining that the air was selected on account of the various nationalities represented in the parade.

Bloodless War Waged.

At the foot of Capitol Hill, all banners carried in the parade were laid aside. This was caused by the rule of the Capitol police that inscribed banners are

HENRY WILL ASK FOR SENATE SEAT IN 1916

Texas Member to Seek Last Term in Lower Body This Year, Says Announcement.

WANTS TO ROUND OUT 20 YEARS

Representative Robert L. Henry, of Texas, announced yesterday that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate in 1916. The statement was made at the end of an announcement that he would seek his last term in the House of Representatives this year.

Representative Henry said that he has been in Congress for eighteen years, and will have served twenty if he is re-elected this year. He has made few promises, he said, but has tried to live up to these:

To favor every effort looking to a tariff reduction.

To fight for an amendment by which Senators would be elected by popular vote.

To fight for laws to supplement the Sherman anti-trust law.

"Upon this record," says the statement, "I shall seek re-election to the House of Representatives in the primaries of 1914. Should my constituency again honor me it will be the tenth election to Congress and at the end of that time I will have served twenty consecutive years. This is a long career. It will be the last time that I shall ask for election to the House and, if successful at the end of that time, I shall give way to other ambitious men seeking honors from the people. My heart is full of gratitude for the great distinction bestowed upon me beginning with my early youth and my hope is that the humble services rendered by me have partially repaid my constituency for their unvarying confidence and support. My past record must be an earnest of my future action in Congress.

"Believing that complete candor with the people is always the correct policy that should govern a public official, I do not hesitate to state my political intentions for the future. It is my fixed determination to be a candidate for United States Senator in 1916. At the appropriate time I shall make my formal announcement and plainly state my position upon every pending issue. And when the proper time comes I shall canvass Texas from border to border and courageously discuss every problem then confronting the people."

THREE DIE IN FLAT-FIRE.

More Than Seventy-five Hurled to Life Net from Windows.

Newark, N. J., May 9.—Three women servants were burned to death, one man was injured, burned fatally, and thirty families were driven into the street when fire destroyed the Adline apartments today.

The dead have not been identified, their bodies being burned beyond recognition. The injured man is Rev. Edward S. Young, a Presbyterian minister of Brooklyn.

The fire started in the basement from an unknown cause. The flames shot up through the elevator shaft with startling rapidity. In a short time the entire six stories were afire. Police and firemen made thrilling rescues, saving more than seventy-five women and children by throwing them from the different floors of the burning building into a life net stretched below.

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PROMOTIONS ARE MADE IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lieuts. Harrison, Flather, and Judge Named Captains by Order of Commissioners.

OTHER VACANCIES ARE FILLED

Anxiously awaited by members of the force and their friends, the promotions in the police department, were announced last night by Maj. Richard Sylvester.

Lieut. William H. Harrison, of the First precinct; Lieut. Carl E. E. Flather, of the Fourth, and Lieut. Thomas Judge, of the Tenth, were made captains. They will fill the vacancies created by the suicide of Capt. J. Thomas Hollenberger; the death of Capt. Michael Byrnes, and the retirement of Capt. John Daley.

Acting Lieut. C. H. Bremmerman, of the Ninth precinct, was made a full lieutenant. Serg. C. P. M. Lord, of the Third precinct; James Conlon, of the Sixth, and J. J. Murphy, of the Tenth, were made lieutenants. Bremmerman fills the vacancy created by the promotion to captaincy of Lieut. Falvey, formerly of the Ninth, but now captain at the Eighth. Lord, Conlon, and Murphy fill the vacancies created by the promotion of Lieuts. Harrison, Flather, and Judge.

The new sergeants are G. H. Neale, of Tenthlytown precinct; Gustav Lauten, of the Sixth; J. R. Hood, of the White House squad; and J. M. Dixon, of the Third, to be acting sergeant.

In a statement given out last night Maj. Sylvester said: "While it is to be regretted that many members of the force who were available for advancement could not be helped at this time, it is believed there will be opportunities for them in the future."

More than 2,000 letters were written to the District Commissioners on behalf of different men. There, of course, were many disappointments. It is said to be the plan of Commissioner Siddons and Maj. Sylvester to retire as fast as possible all officials of the department who have reached an age where retirement is thought best for the service. This means that other shake-ups in police circles are to come before many more months.

Commenting on the promotions announced last night, Maj. Sylvester stated:

"Commissioner Siddons went over the various records of the lieutenants, sergeants and privates in the force, who were up for consideration in connection with promotions, with the major and superintendent, and as a result of the conference, the names included herein were placed before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Length of service, injuries in line of duty, commendations for more than ordinary work accomplished by the individuals, demerits through disciplinary measures, loss of time and adaptability to the work, were among the important features taken into the consideration."

Records of the Men.

Lieut. William H. Harrison, promoted to captain, was appointed a member of the force November 2, 1892, and July 1, 1904, was promoted to sergeant and made lieutenant July 1, 1909. He was detailed to the White House as sergeant and acting sergeant from February 15, 1904 to May 1, 1909. At the White House he was exceedingly

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QUAKES WIPE OUT ENTIRE VILLAGES; MT. ETNA ACTIVE

Help Reaches Stricken Sicily, Where Messina Horror Is Re-enacted.

LIST OF VICTIMS GROWS

Thousands Are Homeless and Troops Are Rushed to the Scene.

VOLCANO IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

Further Destruction May Result—King to Visit Wrecked District. Pope Sends Aid.

Rome, May 9.—Latest reports give terrifying details of the earthquake horror in Sicily. Whole towns and villages have been buried, and the loss of life and property is enormous. The disaster is reported to be even worse than that at Messina. The seismic phenomena was unprecedented in violence, roads were completely cut into sections which are divided by wide crevasses emitting sulphurous fumes. Many townships are completely isolated and their destruction is feared.

Soldiers Rushed to Scene.

The extension of the earthquake zone makes prompt aid practically impossible, although the authorities have dispatched thousands of soldiers in special trains for the scene of the disaster from Palermo and other Sicilian towns.

Death List Is Long.

No correct estimate of the dead can be made. Conservative reports have placed the number at 100. There is little doubt that this will be increased, for many wounded are being buried beneath the ruins.

Acireale, Zafferano, Mangano, and Bongiorno give the largest contingent of deaths. These towns were practically razed, and the population is panic-stricken. Processions of weeping women with children clinging to them pass over the unheaved ground, invoking the Madonna and the saints.

Mount Etna is still threatening and emitting vast columns of sulphurous smoke. Shocks recur every minute, and scientists fear that a sudden explosion of the latest volcano might submerge the entire eastern coast of Sicily.

The Pope has telegraphed the local bishops instructions to disburse funds for the relief of the wounded. The King probably will leave for the stricken district tomorrow.

Cardinal Farini, of New York, who has just arrived here, celebrated a requiem mass for the earthquake dead this morning.

A number of Roman bishops left this evening for Sicily to minister to the injured and dying.

Warnings have been issued for all persons living in the danger zone around Mount Etna, to flee.

Destruction Widespread.

Naples, Italy, May 9.—Over one hundred and fifty persons are believed to have been killed by a series of violent earthquake shocks in Eastern Sicily last night and early today. A number of villages were destroyed or wrecked.

Italian troops sent from the chief garrison towns of Sicily, arrived in the district today and reported widespread destruction. The tremors were still felt today, but none was so severe as those of last night. The heaviest shock was at 10 p. m.

Mount Etna is belching forth smoke and lava, and fears of an overwhelming

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CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

SENATE.

Free seeds appropriation of \$25,000 as passed by House was struck out by Senate by a vote of 22 to 21.

Attack on Interstate Trade Commission bill as hampering business and creating an era of "government by suspicion" was made by James E. Bennett, of New York. A substitute trust bill was proposed by representatives of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Amendment to the naval appropriation bill proposed by Swanson, of Virginia, provided for a new dry-dock at Portsmouth Navy Yard making an initial appropriation of \$20,000. Proposed cost will be \$3,000,000.

In honor of funeral exercises of American marines and sailors at Brooklyn Monday the Senate adjourned over until noon Tuesday.

HOUSE.

The House concluded general debate on pension appropriation bill carrying \$100,000,000.

Representative Dies delivered speech on Mexican situation asserting that it was impossible for constitutionalists to establish stable form of government in Mexico.

Speaker Clark named committee of twenty-one members to attend services in honor of Vera Cruz dead at Brooklyn Navy Yard tomorrow.

A call was issued for a caucus Tuesday night next of House Democrats to map out a legislative program for the session.

Adjourned until noon tomorrow.